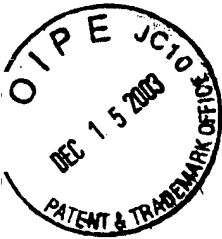


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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response to the Office Action
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Applicants do not believe any extension of time is necessary to prevent
abandonment of this application. However, in the event any such extension is
necessary, applicants hereby submit their petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and
authorize the office to charge any necessary fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.117(a) to
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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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